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**BIOGRAPHY**

Sabina Lukovac was born on August 28, 1980 in Doboj (Bosnia and Herzegovina). In 1992 she moved to the Netherlands, where she graduated in 1999 from high school (Pieter Jelles College) in Leeuwarden. Afterwards, she continued her education at the University of Groningen where she studied Biology and in 2005 she received her Master's degree in Medical Biology. Research projects performed during her studies was mainly related to subjects within the field of Molecular Neurobiology. In 2005, Sabina started her PhD project at the department of Pediatrics at the University Medical Center Groningen under supervision of Prof. dr. Henkjan Verkade and Prof. dr. Edmond Rings. Results obtained from her PhD-studies are described in this dissertation and were part of the MWO 04-38 project "Treatment of Cholestasis-induced failure to thrive (CIFTT) via improvement of intestinal function" (funded by the Dutch Digestive Foundation). From April 15, 2010 Sabina is appointed as the postdoctoral fellow at the Department of Genetics at the University of Pennsylvania under supervision of Prof. dr. Klaus Kaestner. Her postdoctoral research will focus on molecular mechanisms of the organogenesis and physiology of the liver, pancreas and the gastrointestinal tract.

**BIOGRAFIE**

Sabina Lukovac werd op 28 augustus 1980 geboren te Doboj (Bosnië en Hercegovina). In 1992 is zij naar Nederland verhuisd en heeft in 1999 haar Atheneumdiploma aan de Pieter Jelles College in Leeuwarden behaald. In dat jaar is zij aan haar studie Biologie begonnen aan de Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, waar zij in 2005 haar doctorandus titel in de Medische Biologie behaalde. Haar onderzoeken tijdens de studie Medische Biologie hadden als hoofdonderwerp moleculaire neurobiologie. In 2005 is Sabina aan haar promotieonderzoek bij de afdeling Kindergeneeskunde aan het Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen begonnen onder begeleiding van Prof. dr. Henkjan Verkade en Prof. dr. Edmond Rings. De resultaten van haar onderzoek, gefinancierd door de Maag Lever Darm Stichting (MWO 04-38; project "*Treatment of Cholestasis-induced failure to thrive (CIFTT) via improvement of intestinal function*"), worden in dit proefschrift beschreven. Per 15 april 2010 zal Sabina als postdoctoraal onderzoeker op de afdeling Genetica gaan werken aan de Universiteit van Pennsylvania onder begeleiding van Prof. dr. Klaus Kaestner. Daar zal ze zich bezig gaan houden met moleculaire mechanismen van de ontwikkeling en de fysiologie van de lever, pancreas en darm.